

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

ROKOSCH *JRN*

GRANDSTAFF *CS*

THOMPSON *AT*

CHILCOTT

DRISCOLL *W*

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....July 27, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Jim Rokosch,
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg
Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll.

Minutes: Beth Farwell

Commissioner Driscoll attended a Council on Aging meeting at Marcus Daly Hospital.

The Board met for a continuation of the discussion and decision on Western Montana
Mental Health Contract renewal with Riverfront Counseling from July 13th. Present were
Administrative Director Skip Rosenthal, and Representative of the Western Montana
Mental Health Center, Kim Miller.

Commissioner Rokosch called the meeting to order. Kim gave an update to the Board
from the previous meeting. She presented financial shortfall analysis for the Mental
Health Service Plan.

Skip stated he has negotiated the rates with WMMH and explained the rates noting that
preventive measures have made an increase in budgeted monies. Skip added the contract
requires an additional \$26,000. The County funds \$70,000 which comes from four
different sources. An increase of \$6,000 is needed to meet the new contract. Skip stated
they will be billing us at a Medicaid rate and he recommended they bill us direct.

Kim stated it is a 3 to 1 match. Commissioner Chilcott stated it would be better for
WMMHC to get those funds for matching abilities. Commissioner Rokosch questioned
what is being matched right now. Skip replied about \$20,000. Discussion followed
regarding funding options.

Commissioner Chilcott discussed the benefits of this contract for the County.
Commissioner Thompson explained in the past the County had sent the funding directly

to the State, however WMMHC did not see matching contributions. The County tried one year to send the funding to WMMHC and then had them send it to the State but there were issues when that happened. Kim stated the problem is, there is not enough funding to provide services for Adult Case Care. Skip recommended entering into a six month contract for an opportunity for the Board to determine with the regular budget process how to fund the contract. Commissioner Rokosch asked Kim for her perspective. Kim replied they have increased the screening process and evaluation. The other piece would be a process of calling a County Attorney at night to determine if the County will pay for it. Commissioner Chilcott stated this contract would be a benefit to the community. Particularly if the County can balance the benefit with the increase of contribution, it would be a win-win situation.

Commissioner Driscoll indicated she has a good knowledge on Mental Health. Kim saves us money on this contract. It is important to her to implement this contract and services.

Discussion followed regarding budgeting options to fund the contract. Skip suggested funding the contract for one year within the same contribution level and increase the contribution by \$10,000 this fiscal year and \$1.00 per person, then increase that to \$10,000 for next fiscal year. Commissioner Chilcott stated he would like to visit with Sheriff's Office and County Attorney to ensure the funding has been accounted for in their budget. **It was agreed by the Board to have Kim review the units on the contract before approval. Skip will update the contract and bring it forth to the Board for final approval.**